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MEDIA REMINDER

PSC TO HOLD LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING IN JOPLIN IN MISSOURI-AMERICAN WATER RATE CASE

JEFFERSON CITY---The Missouri Public Service Commission will hold a local public hearing in **Joplin**, Missouri, on **June 11, 2007**, to receive customer comment on a water rate case filed by the Missouri-American Water Company. This local public hearing will also give consumers the opportunity to bring any service related issues to the Commission's attention.

The **Joplin** local public hearing schedule appears below:

June 11, 2007

Missouri Southern State University

Webster Auditorium

3950 East Newman Road

5:30 pm*

***Informal question and answer session begins. The local public hearing starts approximately 30 minutes later and will conclude when the last witness has testified.**

Consumers unable to attend the local public hearing and wish to make written comments may contact the Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone (573) 751-4857, e-mail opcservice@ded.mo.gov or the Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone 800-392-4211, e-mail pscinfo@psc.mo.gov

This local public hearing will be held in a building that meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If a customer needs additional accommodations to participate in this hearing, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing.

On December 15, 2006, Missouri-American Water Company filed a rate request with the Public Service Commission seeking to increase annual water operating revenues by approximately \$41.4 million in its 10 water districts in Missouri.

The impact of the proposed water increase on Missouri-American residential customers in the Joplin District appears below:

<u>District</u>	<u>Average Customer Usage</u>	<u>Present Rate</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u>
Joplin	5,700 gallons	\$16.29 per month	\$20.40 per month

The water company is also proposing a Plant Improvement Charge related to a three-year, \$44 million water treatment plant rehabilitation and improvement project in the Joplin District. According to Missouri-American, the initial charge of \$1.95 a month would take effect on January 1, 2008. It would be followed by quarterly increases of \$1.95 a month for a cumulative effect of \$7.80 a month at the end of the first year.

Missouri-American Water serves approximately 23,800 water customers in its Joplin District.